

The whole superstructure of the world's material prosperity is based upon the provident care of that which possesses use, worth or value. The products of the field, the forest, the orchard, the vineyard, the mine and every species of productive industry are gathered, and the abundance above the necessities of to-day is saved to supply the wants of the future season of urgent demand and when nature roasts the fruitful plants in anticipation of renewed efforts in behalf of mankind. The frugal man will lay by a sum of his earnings for "a rainy day," and in every character of effort and product there is a provident tendency to care for the wants that are yet to come. With what greater force this logic applies to the storing of vast reservoirs of water during our harvest of rainfall for use when the clouds fail to bring refreshing relief to the parched land, any thoughtful person can readily realize. A natural thrift and a common-sense business view of the matter suggest the restraint of these precious waters that run to waste in seasons of flood, until the time when water is scarce and the fields are in need of their fructifying agency. Did our rivers always run full, and our vines and trees and fields bear ripened fruits and grain perennially, and the wants of man were supplied in all seasons without requiring effort upon his part, there would be no necessity of considering the wants of the future for there could be none to provide against. A proper and adequate system of storage reservoirs and an economical distribution of the waters will bring under the highest possible state of cultivation in southern Arizona an immense amount of the richest and most fertile lands the sun shines upon. It is the ultimate culmination of the water question and destiny seems to have reserved this fairest and best portion of the terrestrial vineyard for the practical illustration of the perfect principles involved in the plan.

A RAILROAD along the Gila river is one of the necessities the importance of the valley will demand within the next few years. If the incomparable advantages of soil, water and climate are worthy of any consideration whatever, there will be a continuous expanse of dense settlement, extending from the mouth of the San Pedro river along the entire valley of the Gila, and its products will supply many of the eastern markets with early fruits and vegetables, wines, raisins, bananas and the citrus fruits; nearly all of them requiring quick and rapid transportation to the marts of the world. The volume of traffic a railroad will derive from such a source can command the construction of a line of rail transportation, and therefore it is unreasonable to suppose that the building of a valley road will be long delayed. Besides this, one of the two north and south railroads now under construction will surely touch this place, giving competitive advantages to our shippers. With such facilities for transportation large industrial establishments will be erected for handling the products of the farm, orchard and mine, and a city of no small magnitude will eventually be built where Florence now stands. This is no idle speculation, but it is the logical deduction from a rational consideration of cause and effect. The cause is a tangible reality, and is apparent to the most obtuse mind; and while the effect is yet chaotic it is in no sense problematical, for it is inevitable. The wisdom guiding the hand that moulded this oldest, yet newest, settled portion of the world reserved special glories with which to crown it in the day of its deliverance from the chains and bondage of perpetual drought and desolation. It is now about to enter into the enjoyment of its rich inheritance, and with outstretched hands of generosity it invites the whole world to come in and sit at the feast and enjoy the hospitality at its command.

Our citizens generally, irrespective of avocation, should join with our neighbors of the Salt river in petitioning the Secretary of the Interior to modify the ruling of the general land office regarding the classification of mesquite desert lands as timber lands. Every person possessing a practical knowledge of the characteristics of mesquite, realizes the absurdity of the land office ruling, and it is a matter of surprise that palo verde is not also classed as "timber." In the reclamation of our desert lands the object sought is their early cultivation and in every instance the scattering growth of mesquite is cleared off as an incumbrance, and such portions of its trunk and branches as are fit for firewood or fence posts are utilized for those purposes, the remainder being consigned to the brush fire. No value is attached to the wood and its utter absence is preferable to its scattering presence. The ruling of the department serves the only purpose of retarding the reclamation and cultivation of the desert lands, and to that extent it works a public injury. We sincerely believe that Commissioner Sparks would undergo a change of opinion regarding this subject, after making an exhaustive examination of the lands affected by his ruling, and that he would make haste to rectify the error into which he has been led.

Our English cousins have resorted to the law to restrain Buffalo Bill from giving public exhibitions of his expert shooting with the rifle. They consider it is dangerous enough for him to shoot off his American mouth.

THE Phenix Gazette is responsible for the statement that a piece of ice weighing 100 pounds was exposed to the open air, temperature of 102 degrees in that city, for several hours on the Fourth, when it weighed 150 pounds. The frigidity of this announcement has taken all the hyperborean shiverings out of our neighbor's loom.

THE Phenix and Yuma newspapers are quarrelling over the claims of the respective places for the production of the early grapes shipped to California. In the interest of peace and harmony we must lay aside our modesty for once and publicly announce the fact that of those early shipments the sweet ones were raised at Florence. It is hardly worth while for our neighbors down the river to quarrel over the sour grapes.

THE blue and the grey met in sweet peace and harmony on the field of Gettysburg, on July 3d, in anticipation of the formal ceremonies of dedicating the monuments erected to the Pennsylvania volunteers. The veterans of the north and the south vied with each other in extending mutual tokens of love and friendship until there was no room for a single bitter feeling if one could exist amid such a reunion of men whose friendship is as beautiful as an angel's crown of glory.

THE Los Angeles Herald announces that fraud Reavis has married the "missing link" of his little Arizona. There must be some error in the premises. The close consanguinity existing between them, in a Darwinian sense, forbids the lawful consummation of such a contingency. The old song tells us "the monkey married the baboon's sister" but the mutual assimilation of two "missing links" is a moral and physical outrage that can be reconciled upon no known scientific hypothesis.

HON. THEO. F. WHITE, one of the most prominent among the residents of Cochise county, was tendered an honorary banquet by the people of Tombstone last week in appreciation of his long and faithful services to the public as chairman of the board of supervisors, which position he has just resigned. It is seldom that a retiring public official receives such expressions of good will and in this instance it is gratifying to know that the distinction was most worthily bestowed. Mr. White contemplates taking up his permanent residence in San Diego, California.

FLORENCE has awakened to a proper ambition as well as to perennial activity in a material way. The coming year will fill the valley with new people and by the time another census is taken our county will be entitled to a largely increased representation in the legislature and be in position to command any proper consideration it may ask for, political or otherwise. In due time we will see the capital located either here or in our neighboring town of Phenix, and our central location, so far as population is concerned, will give support to our claims. The coming year will bring from twenty thousand to fifty thousand settlers to this county and our political weight will nearly equal that of the remaining portions of the Territory. A new apportionment will even now give Pinal county a larger representation, and by the earliest time it is possible to bring this about, our dense population will astonish the old political leaders. It will be quite appropriate to erect the Territory's capital in the neighborhood of the wonderful prehistoric Casa Grande whose ruins are almost in sight of Florence.

Apache Depredations.
From the Globe Silver Belt the following facts are gleaned relative to the Indian depredations along the San Pedro, and of their insolence and restlessness. On the 21st of June, 60 head of cattle, stolen by the Indians the present year.

Wm. Sutherland has likewise lost 16 horses and 20 cattle by them.

George Blair has also suffered the loss of many, but to what extent he has not stated.

The valley about Dripping Springs is full of Indians who are off the reservation without passes, and much uneasiness exists.

Four horses were stolen by the Indians from Frank Shields on the night of June 24th, and on the same night a horse was stolen from John T. Bates.

Eskiminzin says he knows where the stolen stock can be found and offers to tell for a consideration, but won't say who stole them. John Smith, captain of another band of San Pedro Indians gives the same information.

On June 26th, Rev. D. W. Calfee was at Shields's ranch, and at five o'clock in the afternoon saw two Indians rounding up sixteen horses. They fled upon finding themselves discovered.

Mesquite on Desert Land.

The people of Phenix are moving in the matter of the ruling of the General Land office relative to desert entries upon lands that grow occasional mesquite trees, and they truthfully set forth the following reasons for a modification of its action, and pray that a more liberal ruling may prevail:

We, the undersigned citizens of the Territory of Arizona, do respectfully solicit the attention of the Hon. The Secretary of the Interior, to the following representations, which we believe to be founded on the facts, which appertain to the general question of Desert Land Entry in this Territory, as affected by what is understood to be the intention of the Hon. Commissioner of the General Land office, namely:—

To withdraw all government land from entry under the provisions of the Desert Land Act, upon which grow more than four (4) mesquite trees to the acre, and to cancel all such entries hitherto made on such land.

Therefore, we respectfully assert that mesquite is not timber in any just interpretation of the term; that it is merely fire-wood and useful and salable only for that purpose, although it may be possible to make small articles out of wood (as curiosities) but nothing of practical use or value, owing to its brittleness and lack of fibre and size. Mesquite will not produce a log of more than two (2) or three (3) feet in length at that height, the gnarled and stunted trunk spreads into dwarfed and scraggy branches, and is usually decayed in both trunk and branch.

That mesquite trees grow upon land which will not without artificial irrigation, produce a spear of grass, or any other vegetation, except grease-brush, sage-brush, palo verde, another shrub of tree, and cactus, and is a clear proof of the desert character of the land, rather than argument against such character.

That mesquite trees grow upon high sandy knolls, which will not even produce grease-brush or sage brush, and which would be valueless even if water was carried thereon, artificially.

That large bodies of land within this Territory, bearing mesquite trees in much larger numbers than four (4) to the acre, are by the entire absence of a natural water supply, without artificial irrigation, desert land.

That to withdraw land of this character from entry under the Desert Land Act, will cause great loss to bona fide settlers, and will seriously check immigration, the forming of new holdings, and the employment of capital in clearing, ditching and reclamation of such land, and without irrigation they are absolutely worthless.

That the current price of mesquite wood will give little or no margin of profit over the expense of cutting and hauling to market, consequently it offers no temptation whatever, to the mere speculator in wood, and is not done except as a first necessary step toward the reclamation of the land.

That complaint against parties for cutting this wood off the government land are generally ignored by the grand juries on account of the trifling character of the injury. If indeed, it should not rather be considered a benefit, and an enhancement of value.

That already, two million of dollars have been expended in constructing ditches, and clearing and reclaiming land in the Salt river valley alone, and it will require as much more capital to thoroughly reclaim the land in this and adjacent valleys, from its desert condition; a large amount of the land thus reclaimed does in its natural state produce mesquite, and we aver that not one acre of it at all, will produce an agricultural crop, without irrigation.

We declare this matter to be of vital importance to the present settlers within this Territory, who are spending their money, employing their energy in the reclamation of this land, and their influence in inducing new comers to locate.

And it seems proper for us to respectfully but earnestly remonstrate against any action of the Commissioner, which shall nullify the efforts of the people who are content to endure the hardship of a frontier life, for the purpose of building up a new state for the Federal Union.

We therefore ask the Hon. The Secretary of the Interior to rule that land bearing mesquite is not timber land, within the meaning of Section 11, of the Desert Land Act, and is subject to entry under said act.

Unnecessary Misery.

Probably as much misery comes from habitual constipation as from any derangement of the functions of the body and it is difficult to cure, for the reason that no one likes to take the medicines usually prescribed. Hamburg Elix were prepared to obviate this difficulty, and they will be found pleasant to the taste of women and children. 25 cents. At all druggists. J. J. Mack & Co., proprietors, S. F.

A Cowardly Attack.

The Silver Belt says: On Friday morning, about half-past twelve, Samuel D. Meyers attempted to kill Francis A. Bonnard, mayor-domo of William M. Griffith, at Dripping Springs, in Gila county. Meyers had been at Griffith's house, unarmed, about four hours previously, and at the hour named returned armed, and fired a number of shots through the open window into the room in which Bonnard slept, striking him in the left breast and in the cheek, but, happily, neither of the wounds are at all serious. Griffith's bedroom was also fired into, totally demolishing the lower sash of the front window. A warrant was sued out from Justice Atkins court yesterday morning, and placed in the hands of Sheriff Hodgson for service, who immediately left for Meyers' camp, south of the Pinal mountain.

The present appearance and condition of the range country in this part of Arizona is very satisfactory to stock men for they plainly see before them a season of prosperity. There has been practically no loss during the past winter from severe weather. Since the spring has opened grass has grown in great abundance and there is ample water on the ranges until the summer rains come. There is every prospect now that there will be plenty of fine beef cattle in excellent condition for shipment early in the fall.—Flagstaff Champion.

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The Total Wreck.

We learn from Mr. Vail that the prospects in the Total Wreck mine, Arizona, are very encouraging. Since the mine was closed down, several years ago, after the mill had run out \$270,000 of silver, it was leased to parties who, on certain conditions, were willing to take the chance of making it pay. Mr. Vail found before he closed down, that the mine had reached a point where to continue work on the scale it had been operated, would soon swamp the company, and he therefore made an arrangement with a company of miners to develop it systematically, however, that his own trusted and experienced superintendent, Mr. J. O. Dougherty, should direct the manner in which it should be worked. At the 350-foot level the miners recently run against a very promising body of ore. It has been uncovered to show seven hundred and fifty tons of ore in sight, with an unknown quantity behind it. Samples of this ore, taken at random from different parts of the ledge, have been carefully assayed and fifteen of these assays have given an average of \$151 to the ton. This is very encouraging to the company that is working the mine, and they will prospect the ledge for some distance farther, and if it holds out anything like these assays show, they will start the mill as soon as they have got out a sufficient quantity of ore to keep it running. This will be good news to the many stockholders of the Total Wreck in Los Angeles.—Los Angeles Herald.

The Beginning of the End

The beginning of disease is a slight debility or disorder of some of the vital organs, the stomach, the liver or the bowels usually. There are dyspeptic symptoms, the liver is troublesome, the skin grows tawny and unhealthy looking, there are pains in the right side or through the right shoulder blade. The climax is often an utter prostration of the physical energies, perhaps a fatal issue. But if the difficulty is met in time with Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which is always effective as a remedy, and it should be resorted to at an early stage, there will be no reason to apprehend those injurious subsequent effects upon the system often entailed by entirely cured diseases. Far better is it, also, to employ this safe remedial agent in fever and ague, and other malarial complaints, than quinine and other potent drugs, which even when they do prove effectual for a time, ruin the stomach and impair the general health.

Arizona News.

There is trouble among the ditch companies at Tucson.

Another rich strike is reported in the Total Wreck mine.

Judge Duff has assumed the duties of Receiver of the land office in Tucson.

Chief Justice J. H. Wright delivered the oration at Kingman on the Fourth.

The small pox has all disappeared from Tucson and no new cases are reported.

W. H. Webber, formerly editor of the Arizona Miner, was married in Los Angeles recently.

The Phenix Gazette has enlarged to eight columns to the page and is otherwise improved.

Nearly every town in the Territory observed the late national holiday with appropriate ceremonies.

The late run of small pox in Tucson was confined exclusively to the Mexican and Indian populations.

The old station of Maricopa has been abandoned in favor of the junction a few miles to the eastward.

Mr. A. Hemme has expended nearly \$70,000 in ranch improvements on the Sasabe flats near Aivaca.

Fred Wall shot and mortally wounded Frank Moran foreman of the Locomotive mine at Quijoto, on Friday.

Francisco Esparza an ex-policeman of Tucson died in Phenix on Friday. He was a member of the A. O. U. W.

A water spout in the Santa Ritas last week caused the death of about 100 head of cattle belonging to Walter L. Vail.

A sand storm at Phenix last Wednesday, was so dense that total darkness was prevented only by lighting the gas.

Capt. A. L. Gilbert was stabbed in 23 places about his body by Bert Dale at Williams last week. Gilbert was unarmed.

Neal Munds son of Wm. M. Munds of Verde, Yavapai Co., was thrown from his horse on June 26th and his neck was broken.

All the necessary funds for the General Miles testimonial sword have been raised and the souvenir will be formally presented in September.

The Nogales News has shipped its eccentric and its publisher ditto. In journalistic evolution the News never got beyond the crustacean classification.

Supervisor Theo. F. White, of Cochise county, has resigned owing to the nature of his private interests and their demand upon his time. He will go to San Diego to reside.

John A. Johnson, colored, and Frank Wilson, convicted of the murder of the Clingler family, were sentenced by Judge Wright to be hanged at Prescott on August 12th.

Topsy Johnson has returned from Honduras to Tucson. He found it necessary to work for wages to get money enough to leave that disappointing country so full of imaginary gold.



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